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U. S. FIFTH COLUMNISTS LAUNCH NEW PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN

Attempt to Disunite American People, Lower
Morale, and Hamper War Effort

Immediately following the entry of the United States into the war, the strategy of the Fifth Column underwent an extensive revision. The nature of this reorientation is revealed in the propaganda now being spread by subversive elements throughout the country. The open preaching of blatantly pro-Nazi and anti-democratic doctrines has been abandoned, and a new and far more subtle ideological war against America has been initiated. The pattern of fascist propaganda which has crystallized since Dec. 7, 1941, indicates the war-time program of the native Fifth Column as a whole.

Three basic aims emerge from the present propaganda campaign of U. S. subversivists: 1) to undermine the confidence of the American people in the ability of the Roosevelt Administration effectively to prosecute the war; 2) to create doubts and suspicions concerning the sincerity of the nations allied with the United States, and to sabotage cooperation between this country and the other anti-fascist powers (this effort is directed particularly against Great Britain and the Soviet Union); 3) to foment disunity among the American people by stimulating race hatred, spreading malicious rumors, and promoting panicky and defeatist sentiment.

The fundamental objective of the Fifth Column in this period is to undermine the morale of the American people and to hamper the United States in the war against the Axis powers.

Coughlin on the War

Father Charles E. Coughlin, who has long served as a reliable barometer of native fascist trends, summarizes the new Fifth Column line in the current issues of his publication, *Social Justice*. The December 22, 1941, issue attacks the Administration for inefficiency and lack of preparedness; describes Great Britain as a country whose aims are identical to those of Japan; and pictures the failure of the Soviet Union to launch an immediate attack upon Tokyo as a deliberate betrayal of

the anti-Axis forces. With characteristic hypocrisy, the fascist priest delivers his seditious message in the name of "patriotism." His shabby cynicism reaches a high point in an article entitled "Let's Have Confidence," published in the December 29, 1941, issue of Social Justice. The article opens with the statement: "On all sides, as a result of the Pearl Harbor debacle, unnecessary misgivings are cropping up about our ability to carry war successfully into the Orient." These misgivings, the priest of Royal Oak goes on to say, should be discarded: "... we say to our readers -- have confidence. At the helm stands President Roosevelt, who is Commander-in-Chief of Army and Navy." And the President, Coughlin observes, is surrounded by a number of "geniuses whose ability is unquestioned and whose loyalty in this crisis is above suspicion." The article lists a score of these "geniuses." The names, almost without exception, are Jewish. In all cases, the individuals named have been subject to vitriolic slander in past issues of Social Justice. No Coughlinite will fail to understand the treasonable implications of this snide Jew-baiting.

Women United, Ku Klux Klan and National Workers League

Another pertinent example of present Fifth Column strategy is provided by Women United, the fascist women's group which acted as an unofficial auxiliary to the America First Committee until the recent liquidation of this key appeasement organization. Women United specialized until December 7, 1941, in spreading pro-Nazi, "anti-war" propaganda, and, with the aid of such women as Nazi agent Laura Ingalls, the group campaigned vigorously against all defense legislation. Immediately after Japanese bombs rained down on Pearl Harbor, these same subversive women launched a telegram campaign berating the Administration for lack of adequate defense preparations. Following this, they published a statement declaring:

"WOMEN UNITED deplore the seeming inefficiency on the part of our Army and Navy Command, which permitted the Japanese aircraft carrier to approach unseen and unheard within view of our great naval and air base at Pearl Harbor... We believe the people's interests demand a thorough investigation of this tragic occurrence."

The Ku Klux Klan likewise claims to be serving "the people's interests," as it secretly works to disunite Americans and cripple defense industries. In the latest issue of Fiery Cross, the official Klan organ, the Kluxers announce their support of the war against the Axis powers and declare that their organization is pledged to the defense of "Americanism." Behind the scenes, however, the hooded fascists are intensifying their efforts to spread anti-Negro and anti-Semitic propaganda, particularly in the industrial regions in the Middle West, where they have invaded and are attempting to split a number of labor unions. Fiery Cross, for all its protestations of patriotism, allows the mask to slip from the Klan's real aims by remarking that after the war, a day of "reckoning" will come for those responsible for our entry into the war. In a statement by Imperial Wizard James A. Colescott, this comment occurs: "The country is in the war whether we like it or not. When the

war is over will be the time for further discussion and action in opposition to those who have put us in the war. Have no fear ... there will be a reckoning."

The National Workers League, a Fifth Column band in Detroit whose ties with the Nazis were first exposed in The Hour on June 30, 1939, declares in its Nationalist Newsletter on December 31, 1941, "It is up to us to see this war is won for America ..." Actually, this organization has been doing everything in its power to hamper the war effort of the United States by spreading virulent anti-Semitism and publishing such defeatist propaganda as the following observation in the December 24, 1941, issue of the Newsletter: "The Asiatic war indicates the total defeat of Great Britain and the U.S.A. within 60 days." (The offices of the League were recently raided by the Dies Committee, but the League membership is still at large.)

The KKK and the National Workers League, which have entered into a close collaboration in Michigan, are both stressing anti-British and anti-Soviet propaganda. The Klan's Fiery Cross declares: "The Ku Klux Klan does not approve of sending a billion dollars of the people's money to Communist Russia." The League's Newsletter sneers at "the arrival in Washington of part-Jewish Churchill," and refers to Britain, Russia and China as "our treacherous foreign allies."

With every day this treasonable propaganda campaign intensifies. Fifth Columnists in every section of the country are spreading the same poison in a redoubled effort to create dissension and cripple the country's war effort. Needless to say, they are receiving aid, encouragement and direction from their Axis allies abroad. Government authorities should take immediate action against these enemies at home who are so desperately striving to lose the war for the United States.

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CHRISTIAN FRONT INVADES CIVILIAN DEFENSE GROUPS

Christian Fronters, acting under instructions from Father Charles E. Coughlin and his Fifth Column lieutenants, are flocking into civilian defense organizations. Their plan is to dominate these organizations by sheer weight of numbers, capture every possible office, and in this way place themselves in a most strategic position to sabotage civilian defense work and spread dissension and panic when the "right time" arrives.

The Hour is reliably informed that in Brooklyn, N. Y., a number of civilian defense groups are already in danger of being taken over by Christian Front stormtroopers, notorious in the past for their collaboration with the German-American Bund and other Nazi agencies.

Orders From Social Justice

The January 12 issue of Social Justice brings the campaign into the open when it commands the Coughlinite army to transfer its forces en masse into civilian defense groups and other patriotic organizations. The



center spread of the fascist journal carries this message in bold type, "Americans! Join All Patriotic Organizations; Keep America Christian!" The order is given in more detail on the rear page in an editorial entitled "We Must Win," which includes this passage:

"... Social Justice advises you to get into every patriotic organization in America. Join up. Be neither a slacker for war nor a slacker for peace. Join up with the Office of Civilian Defense. The radical influence is already there. It must be overcome and vanquished by your numbers and cohesive influence ...

"If Moscow-misfits seek responsible offices in organizations at home while your sons, brothers, husbands and sweethearts are dying abroad, overwhelm them by your numbers and capture every office. Get out and get busy! You are the majority. Do not let the minority hog-tie and dominate you."

Christian Fronters, who have plotted untiringly against the Government of the United States, are openly boasting they have found the ideal war-time vehicle for their seditious activities.

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FBI RAIDS SVOBODA

On September 14, 1940, The Hour carried its first report on Svoboda, official publication of the fascist-controlled Ukrainian Nationalist Association. In this and later issues of our newsletter we disclosed that Luke Myshuha, editor of Svoboda, was working in intimate collaboration with agents of the Third Reich, and that he was using his paper for disseminating Nazi propaganda. We also revealed that Svoboda was carrying actual instructions on the making of bombs and other explosives (see The Hour for February 8, 1941).

Last Monday, five FBI agents raided the Svoboda offices at 83 Grand St., Jersey City, N.J. All papers and documents on the premises were seized, and the individuals in the office were subjected to a three or four hour questioning. Every member of the Svoboda staff was served with a subpoena ordering him to appear at the Federal Building in Newark. Among those receiving subpoenas were: Luke Myshuha, the editor whose most recent visit to the Third Reich was in 1938, when he spoke over the Nazi radio network; Vladimir Dushnyk, one of the leading liaison men of the Nazi-directed ODNW (Organization for the Rebirth of the Ukraine) and former editor of The Trident, ODNW sheet; Eugene Lachovich, former contact man between the ODNW and the Provid, fascist Ukrainian headquarters in Berlin; and Dmytro Halychyn, Recording Secretary of the Ukrainian Nationalist Association, who has played a key role in ODNW activity in the United States. The subversive work of each of these individuals has been dealt with in previous issues of The Hour.

Certain professors at leading American universities have recently been vigorously spreading favorable publicity about Luke Myshuha and his Nazi-Ukrainian cohorts. These scholarly Myshuha fans include Professor Clarence Manning of Columbia University, Professor George Vernadsky of Yale University, Professor Alexander Granovsky of the University of Minnesota and Professor Stephen Timoshenko of Stanford University. It might be worthwhile for FBI agents to question these gentlemen about their interest in Luke Myshuha and his work.